

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC "THE WILLIAM B. BAKER HOUSE"

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

468 W. Bel Air Avenue

First

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Aberdeen, Md.

VICINITY OF

Harford

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. James H. Hartwell

Telephone #: 272-3055

STREET & NUMBER

468 W. Bel Air Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Aberdeen, Md. 21001

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Harford County Court House
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 734

Folio #: 430

Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Bel Air, Md. 21014

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE KNOWN EXCEPT AS LISTED IN SUPRA 5

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

734/430 dated Feb. 1967 By: Joshua W. Miles, Executor for Susie E. Bonnett to James H. Hartwell and Emma N. Hartwell as descr. deed July 23, 1943, GCB 278/Fol. 353 - From Pauline B. Lytle and Samuel C. Lytle to Susie E. Bonnett and Adam Bonnett. Deed also includes Lots 18, 19, 20 of Aberdeen Land and Improvement Co. (88/499) Also includes property described in deed from J. Scott Middleton to the Bonnetts in 282/Folio 385 dated Mar. 31, 1944.

278/353 July 23, 1943 From Pauline Baker Lytle and Samuel C. Lytle to Adam Bonnett and Susie B. as described July 31, 1941 267/321: From J. Wilmer Cronin, Trustee to Pauline Baker Tarring (Lytle).

267/321 dated July 31, 1941 From J. W. Cronin, Trustee to Pauline B. Tarring, as described in deed of division between Hollis R. Baker and G. Harold Baker and wife dated Oct. 31, 1922 181/131 and referred to in deed dated July 18, 1922 from Jessie R. Cronin & husband to Hollis R. Baker 178 Folio 291.

178/291 July 18, 1922 By Jessie B. Cronin and Thomas A. Cronin, Nettie B. Morris, and Phineas E. Morris to Hollis R. Baker, part of lands described in deed from Aberdeen Land and Improvement Co. to Wm. B. Baker and James B. Baker, dated 13 May 1893, WSF No. 79, Folio 239. (W. B. Baker was father of Hollis R., Nettie and Jessie)Baker.

79/239 dated May 13, 1893 By Aberdeen Land and Improvement Co. to Wm. B. Baker and James B. Baker (452 W. Bel Air, home of G. H. Baker, Jr.).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bakers of Aberdeen, descendants of a colonial era Nicholas Baker, were perhaps the most prominent family in the Aberdeen area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. They were leaders in the canning industry, in government, the Methodist Episcopal Church, farming, banking and real estate. They built imposing Victorian residences in Aberdeen and established the local cemetery which bears the family name and contains a number of large monuments to mark their own final resting places ("The Baker Family of Aberdeen" by Jon Harlan Livezey, Harford Historical Bulletin No. 16).

The lots of Charles W., James B. and William B. Baker (this) were purchased in 1893 from the Aberdeen Land and Improvement Co. (Liber WSF 75 Folio 424) and all three houses were built soon thereafter.

The Baker house at 468 W. Bel Air Ave. is a large Queen Anne, two story frame residence with an attic, on a granite foundation. The irregular massing of the house is typical of the style. The first floor is covered with clapboards interrupted by vertical boards, suggestive of the frame of the house. The second floor is covered with fish-scale shingles; the change in texture is also typical of the style.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Harford Historical Bulletin, No. 16
The Harford County Historical Society, Inc. - Spring 1983

"History of Aberdeen" by Richard F. Cronin, 1953. (1976)
"OUR HARFORD HERITAGE" by C. Milton Wright, French Bay Publ. Co., 1980.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .98 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
ABERDEEN HISTORIC SURVEY/RESTORATION COMMITTEE	July 12, 1983
ORGANIZATION	DATE
ABERDEEN TOWN COUNCIL	
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
ABERDEEN, MD. 21001	
CITY OR TOWN	STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

STATE: _____

COUNTY: _____

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME			
COMMON: <u>Hartwell - Baker house</u>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: _____			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>468 West Bel Air Ave, south side</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Aberdeen</u>			
STATE: <u>Md</u>	CODE: _____	COUNTY: <u>Harpre</u>	CODE: _____
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Comments <input type="checkbox"/>			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: <u>James H Hartwell</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>468 Bel Air Ave</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Aberdeen</u>	STATE: <u>Md</u>	CODE: <u>21001</u>	COUNTY: _____
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>BEL AIR</u>	STATE: <u>MARYLAND</u>	CODE: _____	COUNTY: _____
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: _____			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: _____			
DATE OF SURVEY: _____ Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____			
STREET AND NUMBER: _____			
CITY OR TOWN: _____	STATE: _____	CODE: _____	COUNTY: _____

ACREAGE

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER DATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One of three frame mansions built by sons of George Baker, first owner in Harford County. Shingle and clapboard, 2½ and 3 stories under a slate roof.

The plan is complex ^{one, very open inside,} and ~~the~~ ^{amplifies} the flexibility of the architecture of the late 1800's where central heating warmed the whole house, and the plumbing and lighting could be used in any design arrangements the architect chose.

Three porches include a double-sided porch at the front (north) and a wide one-story porch on the north and east sides. A captain's walk is at the peak of the hip roof. Wide dormers are as large as a gable end, and an octagonal cup rises from the north west corner three stories, topped by an octagonal ~~tower~~ pointed roof.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☒lasaphy ☐Agriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Sociol/Humon-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itorian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This is the Baker Mansion with
 the turret at the northwest corner.
 Mr George Baker's enormous fortune
 helped his son William B Baker
 prepare for his job as State Senator,
 and this house reflects the position
 Mr Baker held.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mr. Hartwell, & Mrs. Ridgeley Baker, at site
6 May 71.
Harford County Directory p 85-71

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE		
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	STATE MARYLAND	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



Survey # HA-784
468 West Bel Air Ave.
Front and Side
South
Gloria Kaminski
May 1983



Survey # HA-784
468 West Bel Air Ave.
Back and Side
North
Gloria Kaminski
May 1983



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Hartwell-Baker house